

Church Work.

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"The Communion of the Church of England, as it stands distinguished from all Papal and Puritan innovations, and as it adheres to the doctrine of the cross."—
From the will of Bishop Ken, A. D. 1710.

HE STANDS AND KNOCKS.

Knocking, knocking, ever knocking?

Who is there?

'Tis a pilgrim, strange and kingly,
Never such was seen before;

Ah, sweet soul, for such a wonder
Undo the door.

No—that door is hard to open;

Hinges rusty, latch is broken;

Bid him go.

Wherefore, with that knocking dreary
Scare the sleep from one so weary?

Say him—no.

Knocking, knocking, ever knocking?

What! Still there?

O, sweet soul, but once behold him,
With the glory-crowned hair;
And those eyes so strange and tender,
Waiting there;

Open? Open! Once behold him—
Him, so fair.

Ah, that door. Why wilt thou vex me,
Coming ever to perplex me?

For the key is stiffly rusty,
And the bolt is clogged and dusty;
Many-fingered ivy-vine
Seals it fast with twist and twine;
Weeds of years, and years before,
Choke the passage of that door.

Knocking! knocking! What! still knocking?

He still there?

What's the hour? The night is waning,
In my heart a drear complaining,
And a chilly, sad unrest!

Ah, this knocking? It disturbs me,
Scares my sleep with dreams unblest!

Give me rest,
Rest—ah, rest!

Rest, dear soul, he longs to give thee;
Thou hast only dreamed of pleasure,
Dreamed of gifts and golden treasure,
Dreamed of jewels in thy keeping,
Waked to weariness of weeping,
Open to thy soul's one Lover,
And thy night of dreams is over—
The true gifts he brings have seeming
More than all thy faded dreaming.

—Selected.

THE CHURCH.

Too often we hear from men who have lost their faith in Christ and forsaken the pathway of safety, as a plea of justification for their change, that the religion one hears and sees is far from being the embodiment of the high conceptions one naturally has of a religion springing from love to the Person of the God-man Whom Christians